



# Leesburg Police Department Annual Report 2012

*"ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN  
COMMUNITY"*

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**“Committed to making  
Leesburg a safer  
community for everyone”**



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## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

WILLIAM J. CHRISMAN

2012

### COMMENTS FROM THE CHIEF

*It is my pleasure to present to you the 2012 Annual Report for the Leesburg Police Department. I hope you will find the contents of this document informative and useful.*

*As reflected by the statistical data contained herein, Part I Crime experienced an overall decrease of 2% in 2012. While this number reflects a modest reduction, it marks the fourth year in a row that serious crimes have had an overall decline in Leesburg. Unfortunately, not all the news was positive as violent crimes increased this past year. The extent of violence and its impact in our community highlight a continuing need for our department to develop and implement effective programs to reduce victimization in our community.*

*It is my goal that the Leesburg Police Department will act more aggressively in 2013 to initiate collaborative efforts to improve safety in our City. We must continue to develop effective tactics with unrelenting follow-up to have a significant impact on crime in our community. However, all the planning and best intentions would be wasted if our staff did not remain vigilant in their duties. Fortunately, the Leesburg Police Department employ's some of the finest and most dedicated personnel found anywhere in central Florida.*

*It is my privilege to serve with the men and women of the Leesburg Police Department. Our staff remains committed to working with our residents, business owners and guests to make Leesburg a safer community for everyone to enjoy. I am proud of our past crime fighting efforts and look forward to the implementation of planned strategies for 2013. Thank you!*

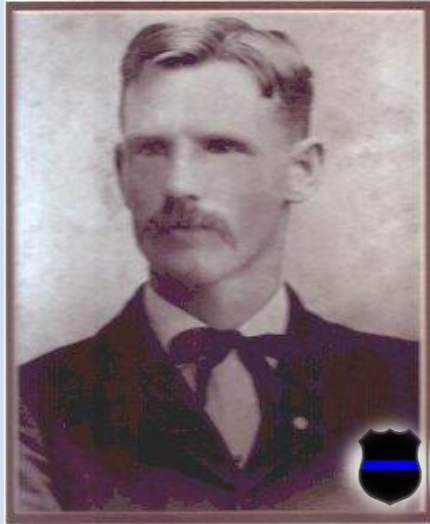
  
Chief William J. Chrisman

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# LEESBURG'S FALLEN OFFICERS



**Chief James Hux**  
**Killed in the Line of Duty**  
**February 13, 1924**

Chief Hux, the first police chief for the City of Leesburg was fatally injured while trying to locate a second suspect near an illegal still operation. Chief Hux was shot with a shotgun on the rear portion of his head by the sixteen year old suspect. He was the first officer to give his life "in the line of duty" in Lake County Florida



**Chief Bishop W. Haney**  
**Killed in the Line of Duty**  
**October 10, 1937**

Chief Bishop W. Haney and Officer Foy Parrish spotted a reckless driver. As they tried to conduct a traffic stop, the driver sped away. Haney and Parrish eventually stopped the vehicle by forcing it to the curb. As they detained the two occupants, Haney fell unconscious to the ground, bruising his head on the gravel street. Two passers-by drove him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



**Officer Jesse F. Beerbower**  
**Killed in the Line of Duty**  
**February 13, 1944**

Officer Beerbower was fatally injured after being shot six times with a .38 caliber revolver by a suspect who was being arrested for disorderly conduct. Officer Beerbower was the third officer to give his life "in the line of duty in Leesburg.



*Maintaining*



*Peace*

*Order*

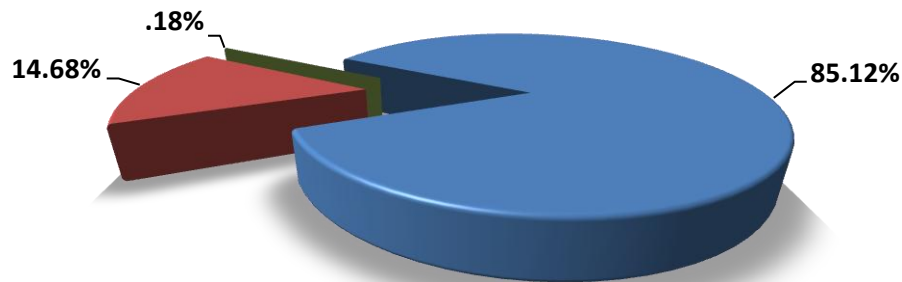
## MISSION

*"To Enhance the Quality Of Life within Our Community"*

We accomplish this by:

- Enforcing the law
- Protecting life and property
- Reducing the fear of crime
- Increasing public awareness
- Protecting individual rights
- Providing additional service needs

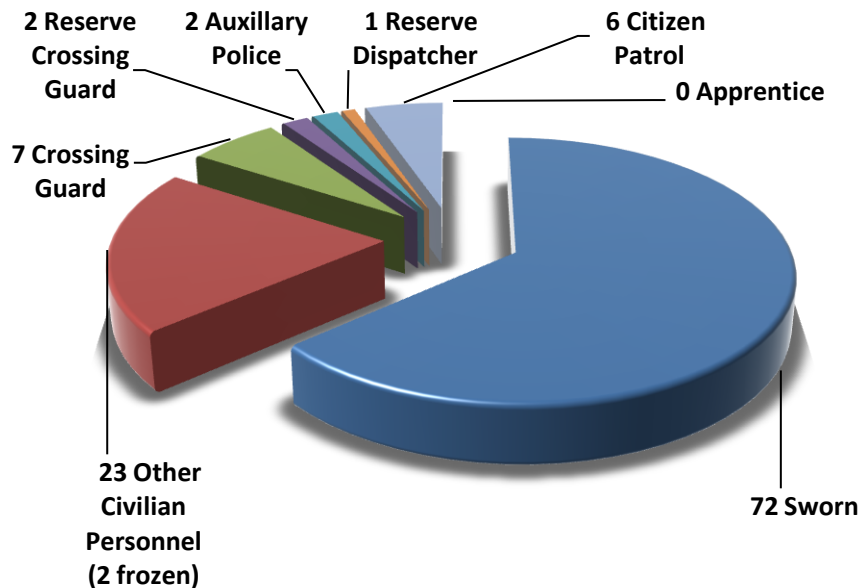
# 2012/2013 FISCAL BUDGET



- Personal Services
- Operating Expenses
- Capital Outlay

<b>Personal Services</b>
<b>\$6,802,691</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>
<b>\$1,173,170</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>
<b>\$15,131</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>\$7,975,861</b>

## AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL



**113  
Employees**

# 2012 Monthly Employee Awards



<i><b>Month</b></i>	<i><b>Police Officer</b></i>	<i><b>Support Services</b></i>
January	Jonathan Semento	Kim Smith
February	John Thomas	Sabrina Ruiz
March	J. B. Williams	Lisa Carter
April	Eric Green	Arlinda Mango
May	Jim Dunagan	Julie Willette
June	Travis Whitley	Kim Smith
July	John Causey	Christina Johnson
August	Charles Greco	Melissa Inmon
September	Rick Duenas	Lynn Kendal / Sarah Lynch
October	Alisa Cunningham	Doranna Hout
November	David Foster	Lisa Carter
December	Chris Martin	Julie Willette



## *Recognizing Outstanding Performance*



*Ofc. Ricardo Duenas*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-up*

*Senior Ofc. Mike Neal*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up*

*Ofc. Gustavo Escalante*

*1<sup>st</sup> Place*

*Each year all department employees are given an opportunity to cast a ballot for the officer they believed exemplified what it means to be the “Best of the Best”. Officer Escalante was selected to receive this prestigious award with Senior Officer Neal and Officer Duenas receiving nominations for second and third place recognition.*



# **2012 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR GUSTAVO ESCALANTE**

***Leesburg Police Department***

On behalf of the Leesburg Police Department, I have the pleasure to present Officer Gustavo Escalante as our Officer of the Year for 2012.

Officer Escalante was hired in June 2010. Since his employment, he has consistently demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and excellence. He has exceeded the expectations of his supervisors and that of his coworkers. In fact, it was his coworkers who overwhelmingly selected him for this well-deserved recognition.

In January of 2012, the Leesburg Police Department asked each of its employees to cast a ballot for the officer they believed exemplified what it means to be “the best of the best.” The overwhelming choice was Officer Gustavo Escalante. This honor followed his selection as Officer of the Month four times in 2011.

Officer Escalante’s supervisors describe him as a hard working, proactive team player. Through his demonstrated performance, he has earned each of these descriptive words. Some examples of Gus’ hard charging and professional style include his identification and single handed apprehension of one of Lake County’s ten most wanted criminals, consistently having the highest productivity department wide, and countless letters of compliments from citizens.

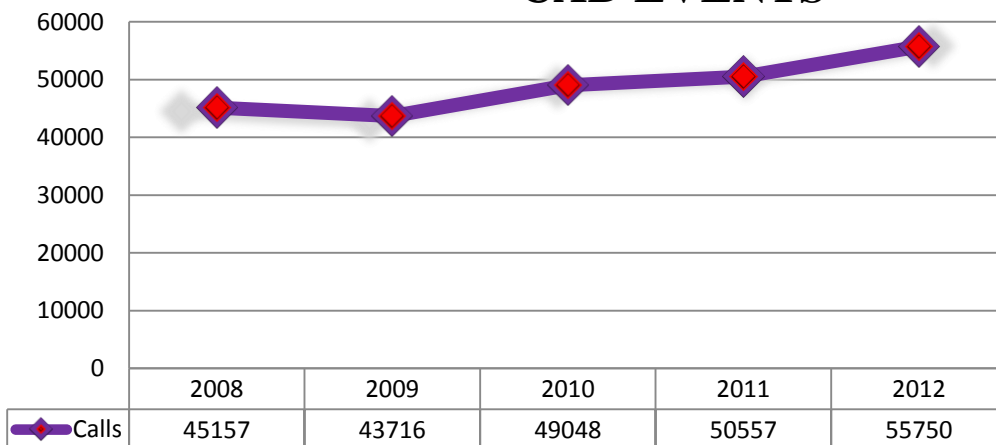
When Officer Escalante sets goals for himself, he tends to achieve success. One such example involves his desire to join Leesburg’s highly skilled SWAT team. After successfully completing his probationary period, Gus requested approval to try out for a position on the team. After a grueling series of tests, Gus was awarded a spot on the team. SWAT members were so impressed with his fortitude and decision making that they immediately elevated his status and included him on the team that competed in the SWAT Roundup Competition.

Officer Escalante has set the bar extremely high for those officers who have been hired after him. It’s refreshing to witness Gus’ professionalism at a level normally reserved for more seasoned officers. He is an asset to the department and the community he so loyally serves.



# REPORTED CRIMES AND ARRESTS

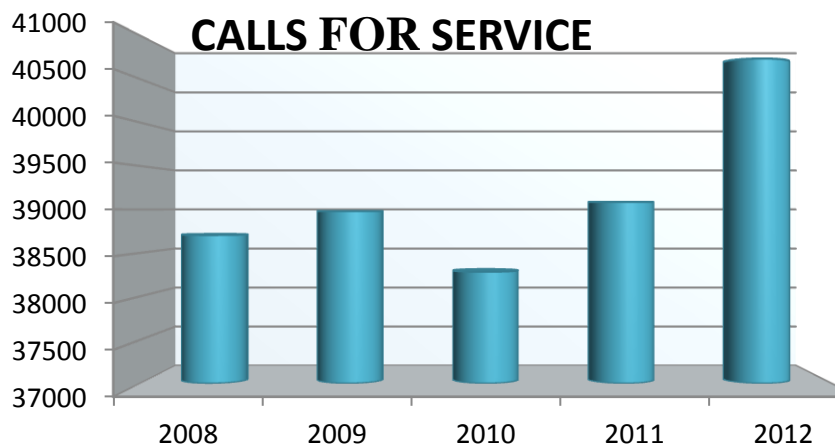
## CAD EVENTS



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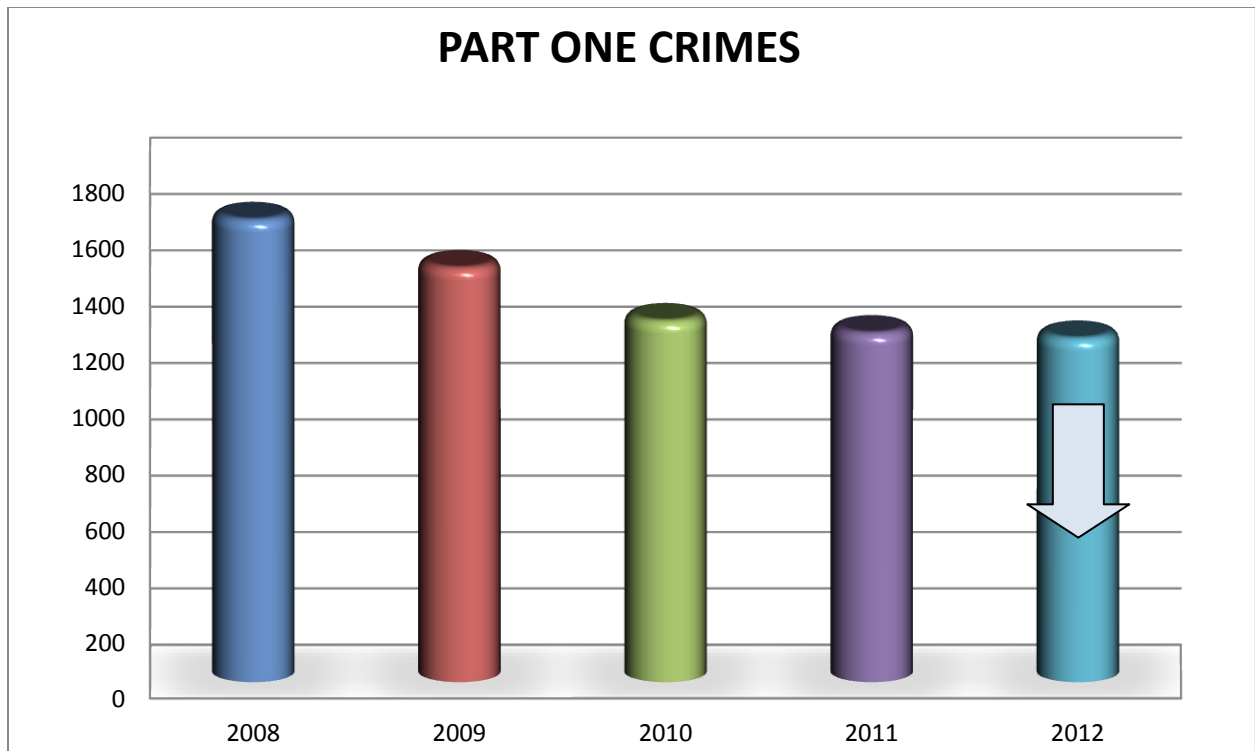
Year	CAD Events	% Chg
2008	45,157	-15%
2009	43,176	- 4%
2010	49,048	4%
2011	50,557	3%
2012	55,750	14%

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



*Calls Increased 4%*

Year	Number Service Calls	% Change
2008	38,706	--%
2009	38,981	1%
2010	38,284	- 2%
2011	39,087	2%
2012	40,733	4%



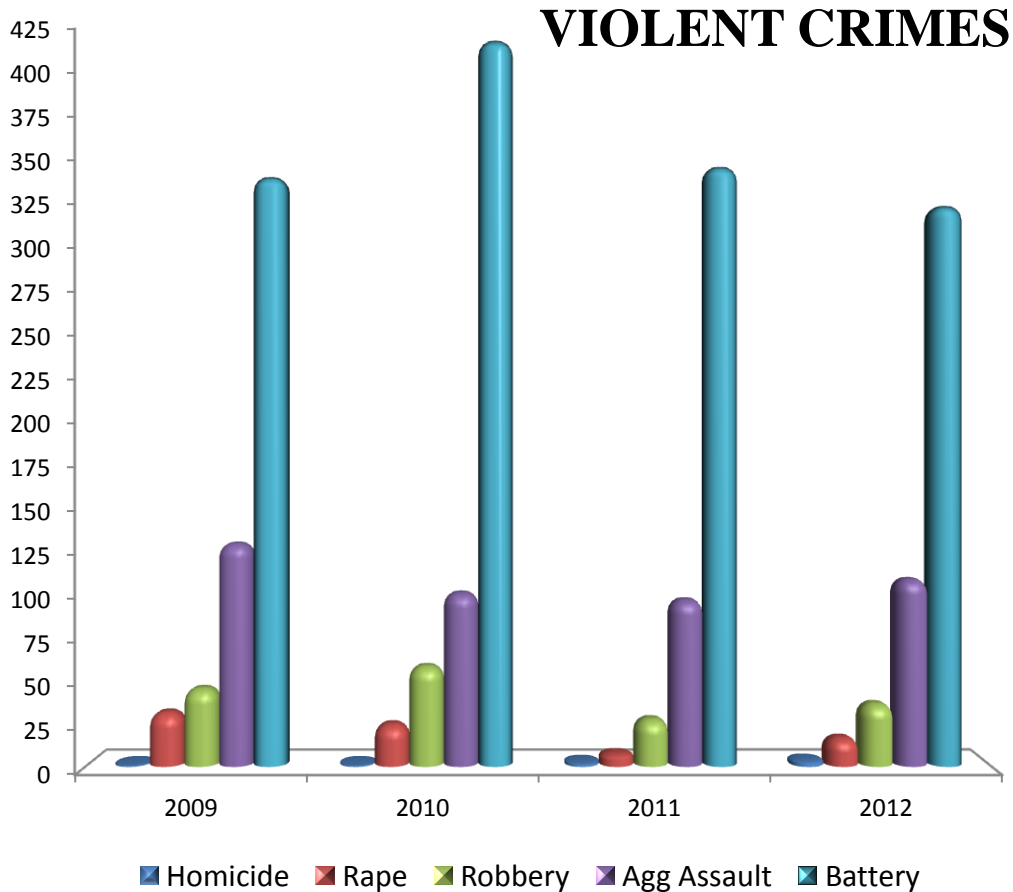
### Part One Crime continues to Decline

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Year	Part 1 Crimes	% Change
2008	1639	11%
2009	1476	- 10%
2010	1280*	- 13%
2011	1237	- 3%
2012	1218	- 2%

\* Amended based on updated data to show an additional 5 offenses.

PART ONE	
CRIMES	
Homicide	
Forcible Rape	
Agg. Assault	
Burglary	
Vehicle Theft	
Robbery	
Larceny	
Arson	

The Uniform Crime Reports are published by the United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The UCR Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of over 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, federal, and other law enforcement agencies who voluntarily report data on crimes brought to their attention. Since 1930, the FBI has administered the UCR Program. The program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. However, over the years, UCR data have become one of the country's leading social indicators. Criminologists, sociologists, legislators, municipal planners, the media, and other students of criminal justice use the data for varied research and planning purposes.



Battery is defined as simple assault for UCR crime reporting

### Leesburg Police Department

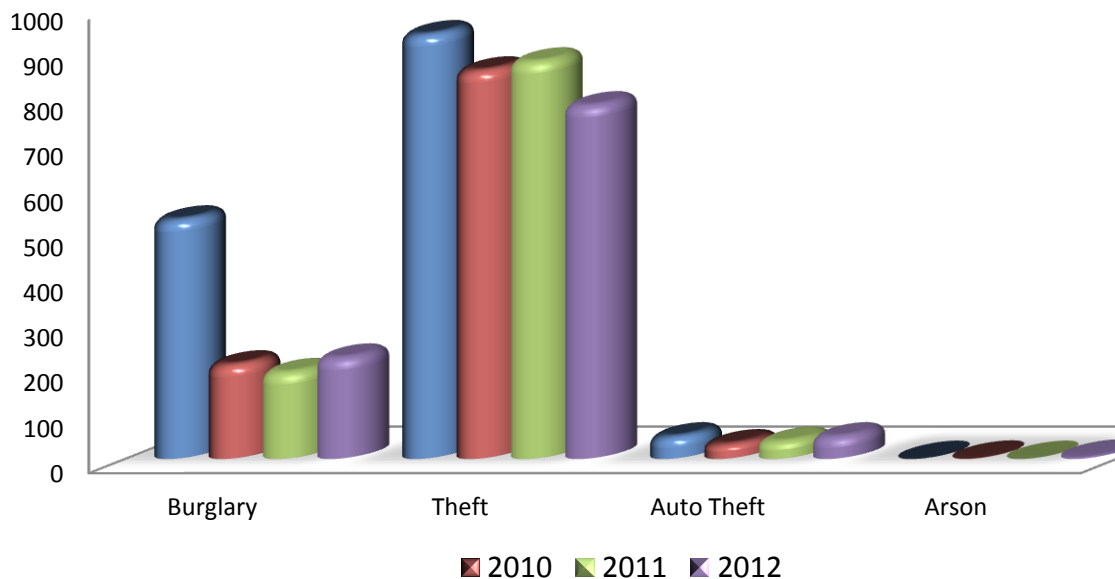
The department continues to use crime data as a part of its crime prevention and response strategy. By forecasting criminal activity, projecting

where it may occur or re-occur, and developing patrol strategies, we aim to limit opportunities for crime to happen. This targeted “intelligence led” approach requires a progressive view that all criminal behavior is potentially a symptom of a larger problem than what appears at first glance. All criminal activity or community concerns, no matter how small may become focal points for a targeted police/community response. Crime adversely affects the whole community not just the “hot spot” or a few pockets where it may occur most often.

<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Homicide	1	1	2	3	---%
Rape	31	24	7	16	129%
Robbery	45	58	27	36	33%
Agg. Assault	130	101	97	109	12%
Battery	345	425	351	328	- 7%

# PROPERTY CRIMES

Property crimes include all crimes involving criminal activity wherein the property owner suffered a loss of property or a decrease in the value of the property which resulted from a crime. This report does not provide a comprehensive listing of all crimes; it only gives a snapshot of the most costly in terms of property losses and those occurring most frequently. The city experienced an eleven percent decrease in thefts during 2012.



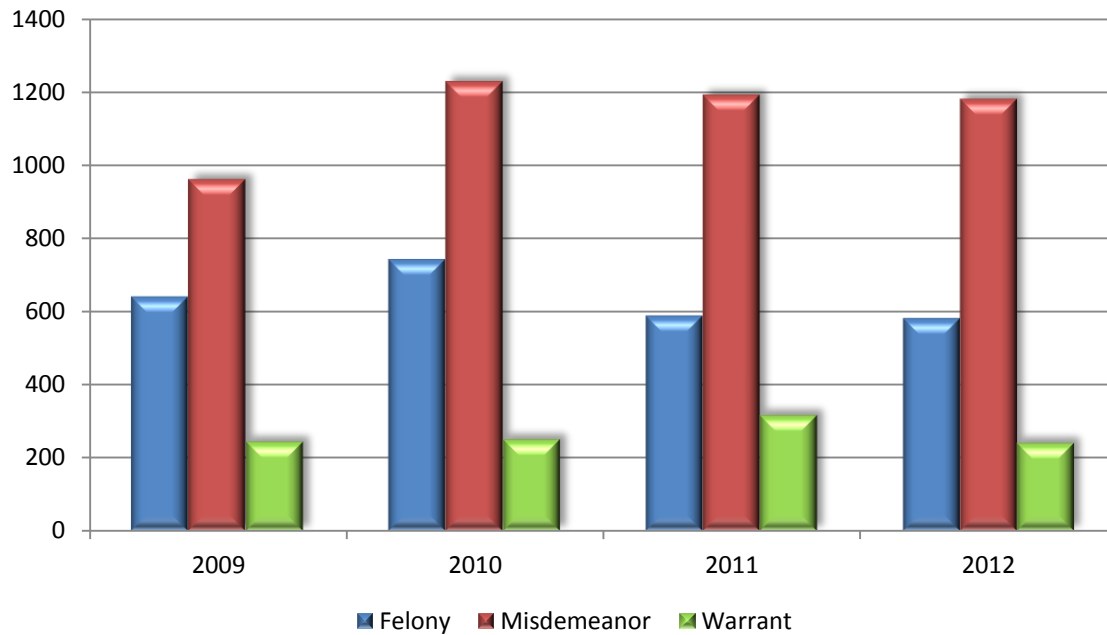
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Property Crime	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Burglary	273	207	190	222	17%
Theft	936	856	876	779	- 11%
Auto Theft	48	32	38	48	26%
Arson	1	0	0	5	---

Property crimes include burglary, theft, auto theft, and arson. Vandalism is excluded from this classification even though it occurs frequently and victims may suffer a financial loss not attributed to an act of violence.

# CRIMINAL ARRESTS

The reported crime and arrest statistics shown have been compiled from the Police Department computer system for a yearly comparison. Arrest statistics indicate the number of persons arrested, not the number of individual charges made. Some defendants have been charged with more than one crime.

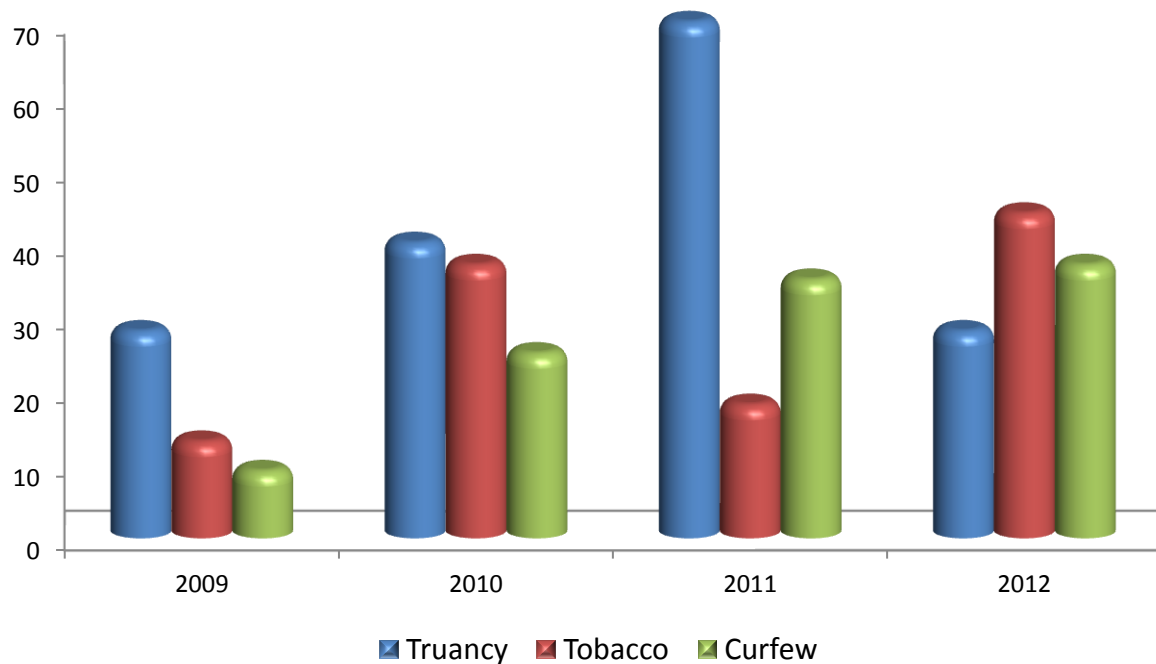


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Arrests Types	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Felony Arrests	637	739	586	579	- 1%
Misdemeanor Arrests	960	1227	1190	1179	- 1%
Warrant Arrests	243	249	315	240	- 24%

## SPECIFIC NON CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

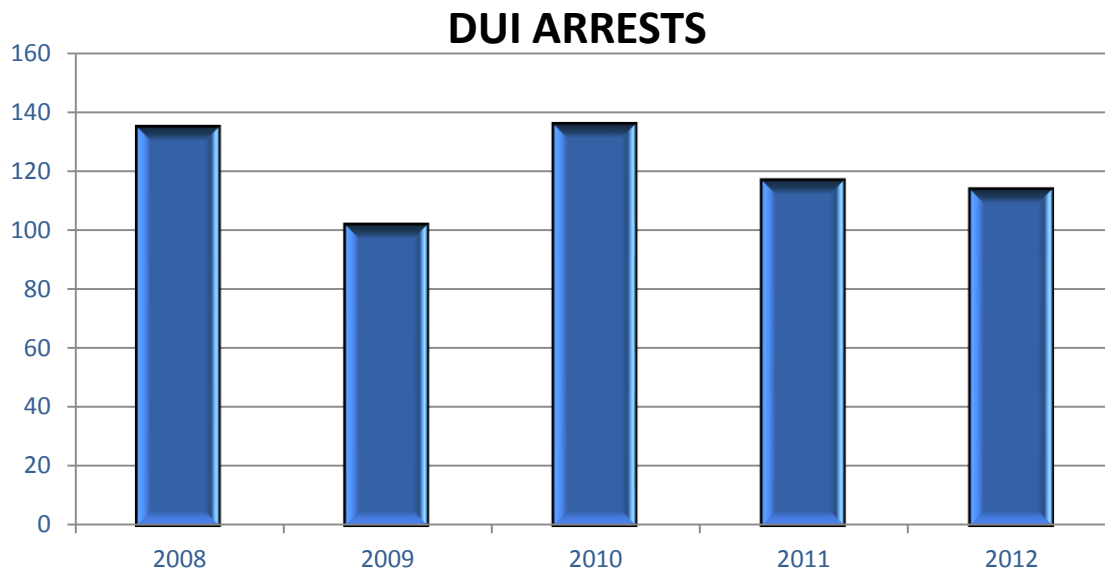
The specific cases indicated below are selectively enforced and specifically tracked in response to citizen concerns expressed to department personnel regarding these violations.



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	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Truancy Cases	28	40	70	28	- 60%
Tobacco Citations	13	37*	18	44	144%
Curfew Violations	9	25	35	37	6%

*\*Amended based on updated data to show 8 incidents less than what was reported in the 2009 annual report.*



## .08 D.U.I. LIMIT

Leesburg Police Department

Year	DUI Arrests	% Change
2008	135	- 35%
2009	102	- 24%
2010	136 *	33%
2011	117	- 14%
2012	114	- 3%

\*Adjusted from last year report to reflect an additional 32arrests.

**Blood Alcohol  
Concentration  
of .08 is  
associated with  
the beginning  
of impairment.**



# Patrol Division

*"The Backbone of the Department"*



The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department. The division is comprised of four patrol teams, specialized units and an administration section. Each of the four patrol teams is directed by a sergeant with the assistance of a working corporal along with eight officers. The Administration Section consists of a major, who is the Division Commander, a captain, who is in charge of special operations, and two lieutenants, serving as night watch commanders.

To better handle the unique demands on modern-day law enforcement, the Patrol Division is enhanced by several specialized units. They consist of the Motor Unit, S.W.A.T. Team, Canine (K-9) Unit, Street Crimes Unit, and the Vice/Narcotics Unit.

The Patrol Division is tasked with responding to emergency calls for assistance, detection and prevention of crime, traffic crash investigations, traffic enforcement, business checks, and proactive neighborhood patrols. The Patrol Division helps prevent crime and provides a visible presence to the public, instilling confidence and security within the community. Its officers are the first responders who take charge of situations that require immediate action to resolve or mitigate safety issues or concerns.

The division continued its problem oriented policing style utilizing varied "intelligence led" responses to crime trends within the Leesburg Community. Our community partnerships, flexibility, and use of intelligence data remain vital to the Patrol Division's relentless crime fighting activities.



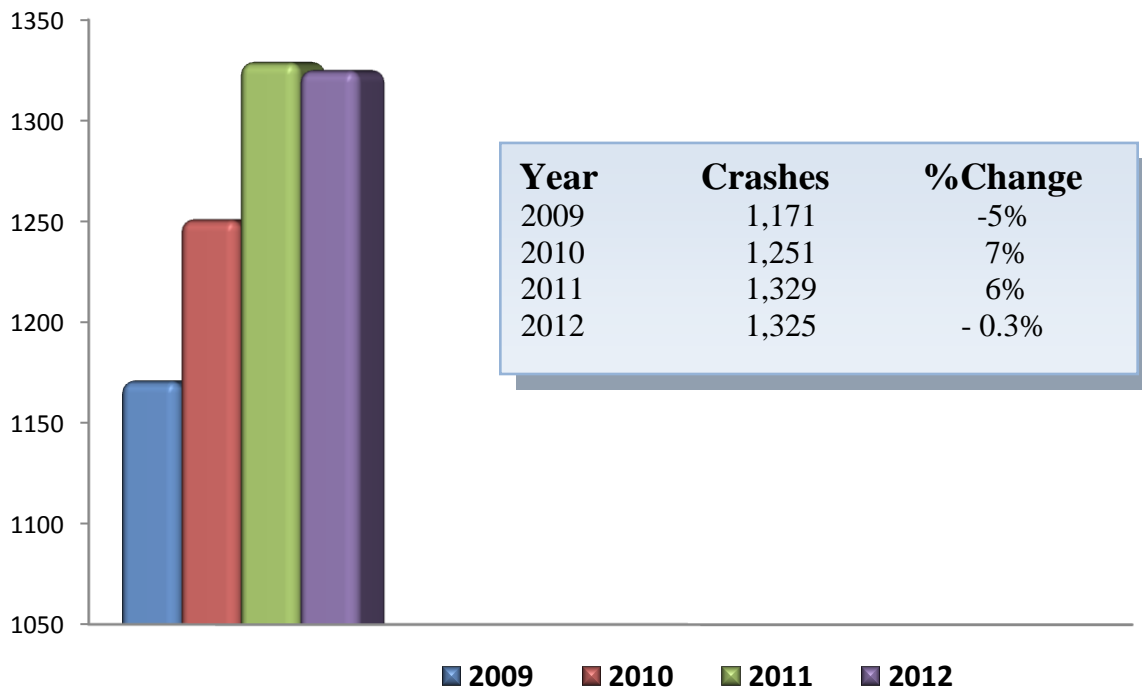
## Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is made up of one sergeant and two police officers who are specifically assigned to work selective traffic enforcement and investigate traffic crashes. There are three police vehicles assigned to the unit. These vehicles are equipped with computers and

printers which make work processes such as the creating crash reports and printing information on-scene more efficient. Traffic officers also utilize an unmarked police vehicle to further enhance their patrol activities. This vehicle allows a semi-covert approach when responding to complaints in residential areas as well as enforcement targeting aggressive drivers on the highways.



## CRASHES





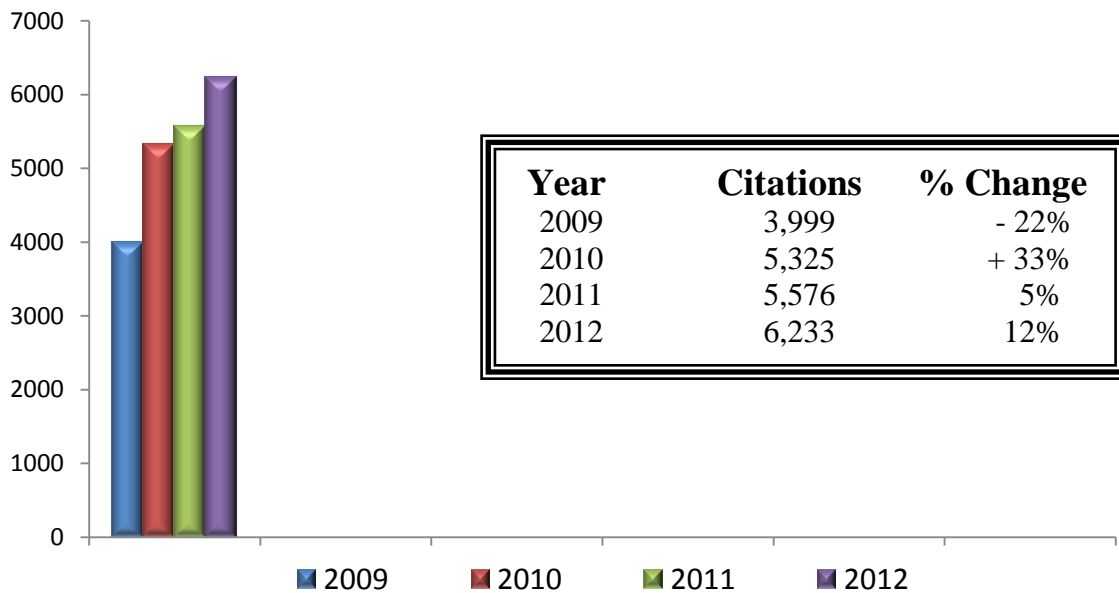
Officers who are assigned to the unit receive formal training in the science of Traffic Homicide Investigation. During 2012, the unit investigated six traffic fatalities and conducted one preliminary traffic homicide investigation.

The unit also demonstrates its support of the department's mission

by involvement in a variety of traffic related projects throughout the year. Some events include Bikefest and Cops & Kids Day as well as organizing and supervising police operations at all parades and marches in the city

The Traffic Unit investigated 560 of 1,325 total crashes investigated by the department. Additionally, police officers issued 6,233 uniform traffic citations department wide. This includes approximately 1,131 that were issued by the Traffic Unit. Finally, the department issued 1,041 written traffic warnings with the Traffic Unit issuing approximately 13 percent.

## TRAFFIC CITATIONS



## Street Crimes Unit and Vice/Narcotics Unit

The Vice Unit focused on crimes stemming from and directly related to the illicit narcotics sales and distribution occurring within the City of Leesburg. The Unit seized quantities of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and illegal prescription pills from street level dealers and users. There were 42 arrest warrants filed by the Unit and 38 physical arrests directly related to sales and distribution of illicit narcotics. Two notable investigations were a pharmaceutical drug /fraud ring involving several subjects within the city and the dismantling of a “marijuana grow house.” Additionally, officers worked closely with the Lake County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Bureau to go after methamphetamine users and manufactures. There were a total of 8 methamphetamine labs dismantled within the city. Vice/Narcotics assisted LCSO in other rural areas of the county with the identification of meth labs and other illicit drugs. The Vice Unit conducted five additional search warrants for cocaine, marijuana, and other illicit narcotics.



The Street Crimes Unit (SCU) is a proactive unit which focuses on the apprehension of criminals, deterring crime throughout the city, and targeting specific community problems. The SCU works closely with other units of the Leesburg Police Department on various aspects of law enforcement; including assisting patrol officers on calls for service, assisting the Criminal Investigation Division on several major crime scenes, and assisting Vice/Narcotics unit on multiple drug arrests.



Due to manpower constraints the SCU did not become fully operational until the end of August 2012. During that short time, the SCU made 20 Narcotics Arrests, 74 total arrests, 298 citations, and 98 field contacts.



## S.W.A.T. Operations

The Leesburg Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in Lake County to establish a fully functional S.W.A.T. team. While serving a search warrant in a Leesburg apartment complex, now retired C.I.D. Captain Jerry Gehlbach was injured by gunfire upon approach, through the front door of the residence. This critical incident and several others which occurred nationwide during the time brought about the creation of the Leesburg Police Department

S.W.A.T. Team. From this beginning, Leesburg S.W.A.T. responded to all critical incidents and served all high risk search warrants thereafter.



During the 2012 calendar year, the Leesburg Police Department S.W.A.T. team was deployed on numerous occasions to address high risk incidents within the city and neighboring jurisdictions. During normal patrol operations, S.W.A.T. team members responded to 28 calls for service directly involving either firearms, or other dangerous weapons. The training, tactics, and equipment employed by these specially trained officers allowed for the successful resolution of these calls without serious injury to citizen, suspect, or officer. Having highly trained, equipped, and motivated officers patrolling the city at all times provides the community with a more efficient and effective police force. The Leesburg S.W.A.T. team was also called to assist the Eustis Police Department with a search warrant within their jurisdiction. The request for assistance resulted from an assessment of the size of the structure in question, and information about suspects with violent felony histories, include homicide, that were likely armed with AK-47 style rifles. The Leesburg S.W.A.T. team prides itself on the local, national, and international recognition it has received and earned during its tenure.

## **S.W.A.T. Training**

The S.W.A.T. team conducts monthly in-service training, in addition to any outside agency training the operators may receive. The team maintains a highly skilled instructional cadre who also provide department level training for all officers within the agency. The instructors follow the most current trends and requirements available within the tactical community. The S.W.A.T. team commander and team leaders attend the annual Florida S.W.A.T. Association (FSA) conference and maintain a close watch on the guidelines established by the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA). All team operators are members of the FSA and NTOA alike. In addition to the “in-house” training program, the team also conducts training with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure cohesive relationships and continuity within our local operational community. Training may include, but is not limited to hostage rescue, waterborne operations, woodland operations, dynamic building entries, vehicle assaults, firearms training, rappelling, and physical fitness testing.



## Canine Unit

The police dog, often referred to as a "K-9" in some areas, is a dog that is trained specifically to assist police and other law-enforcement personnel in their work. The most commonly used breed is the German shepherd. In many jurisdictions the intentional injuring or killing of a police dog is a felony.

The value of the police dog has been recognized by all to such an extent that there are over thousands employed amongst the various police forces in the United States

The Leesburg Police Department Canine Unit consists of three K-9 teams. Each team is comprised of a dog (either labrador retriever or German shepherd) and a handler. All dogs are trained in narcotic detection, tracking, and evidence recovery.

During 2012, the K-9 teams walked almost 700 vehicles resulting in the recovery of nearly \$30,000 worth of property and illicit narcotics.

### Canine Training



The Leesburg Police Department K-9 Unit trains on a monthly basis. While the majority of training hours are conducted within the city limits, they occasionally train with surrounding department's K-9 teams.

Recent court rulings have determined that K-9 Teams in the State of Florida must complete a lengthy certification process and maintain a record of their training hours. In 2012 as the result of this ruling, all three K-9 Teams were certified by the National Police Canine

Association for Narcotics Detection. The certification process is a demanding and thorough assessment of the team's knowledge, skills, and abilities. Once successfully completed, the training does not end; it is an ongoing process that teaches new skills and sharpens old ones. The training includes all aspects of the team's capabilities as well as "real world" scenarios to evaluate their proficiency. During 2012, the unit conducted 548 hours of documented training. Much of the training is conducted locally. By doing so, the department is able minimize training expenses.

The lead instructor for the Leesburg Police Department is Senior Officer Kenneth Lane. Senior Officer Lane is a CJSTC certified K-9 Team Instructor.

# Canine Deployments

## General

Tracks	4
Evidence Searches	2
Arrests	239

## Property Seizures

Cash	\$3,000.00
5 Vehicles	\$25,000.00
<b>Approximate Value</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>

## Narcotic Deployments

Searches	
Vehicles	681
Schools	2
Articles	5
<b>Total Deployments</b>	<b>688</b>

## Seizures

Cannabis	581.18 gms
Cocaine	46.72 gms
Meth	0 gms
Heroin	1 gms
Prescription	112 Pills
<b>Approximate Street Value</b>	<b>\$18,072.00</b>

## Training

Public Demonstrations	3
Training	548 hours



# Criminal Investigations Division



The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for all felony investigations, civil forfeitures, processing and compiling intelligence, crime data analysis, and all evidence collected by the department. In addition to felony investigations, the division also investigates missing person incidents, domestic violence batteries, and child and elder abuse cases.

The division consists of an evidence technician, seven detectives, a corporal, a sergeant, and a captain, who manages the division.

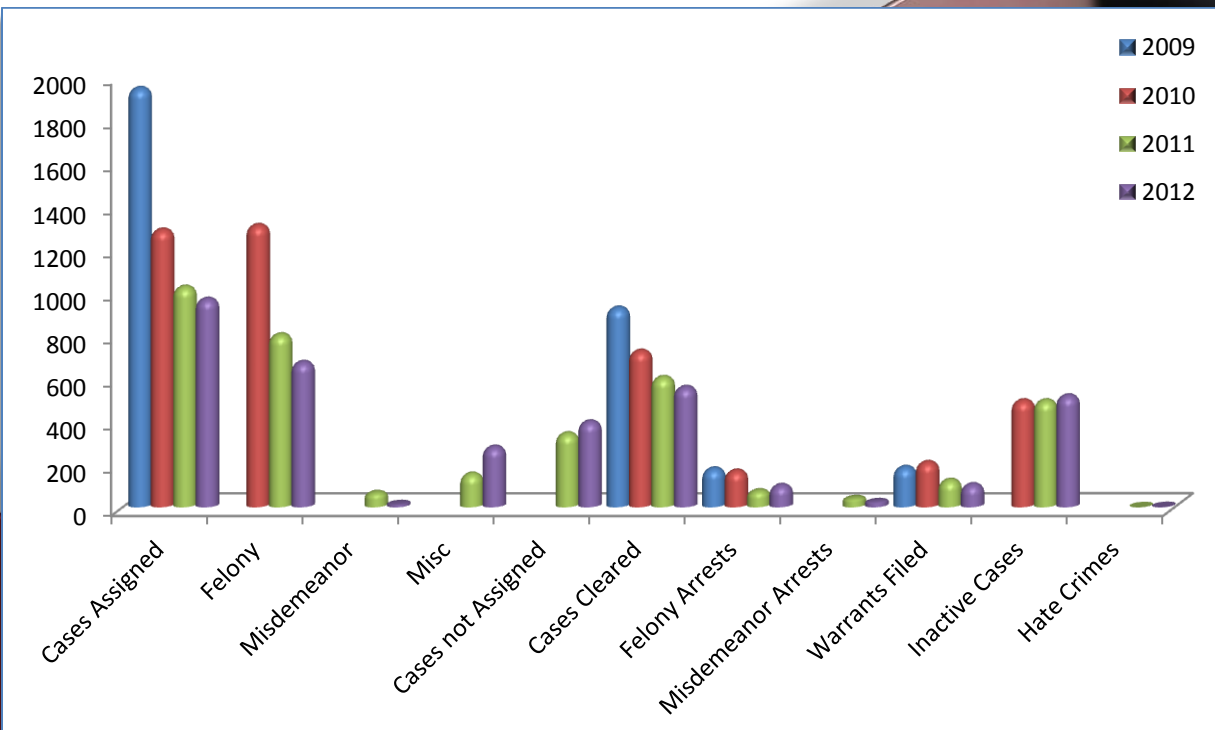
In 2012, the division investigated numerous high profile criminal incidents as well as others that did not get media attention. These crimes vary in nature such as: frauds, thefts, sex offenses, assaults, and the most serious; homicide.

Approximately 964 cases were assigned to detectives for investigations. The most significant numbers were felony investigations totaling approximately 671. The data shows this was a decrease of approximately 16 percent from the previous year. Even though fewer cases were assigned for investigation, the unit experienced a 33% increase in felony arrests.



The unit conducted three homicide investigations during 2012, one of which culminated in the arrest of the offender. Furthermore, cold case homicide investigators are also actively seeking to identify and make arrests in old homicide cases.

Finally, the division received and processed a total of 5,338 items of evidence and miscellaneous property. Much of which was preserved for trial, returned to the owner, forfeited during civil proceedings, or discarded/auctioned as surplus city property.



### Criminal Investigation Division

	2009	2010	2011	2012	%Change
Cases Assigned	1,942	1,285	1,020	964	- 5%
Felony	---	1,306	799	671	- 16%
Misdemeanor	---	---	67	15	- 78%
Miscellaneous	---	---	153	278	82%
Cases Not Assigned	---	---	340	395	16%
Cases Cleared	923	723	601	555	- 8%
Felony Arrests	177	167	75	100	33%
Misdemeanor Arrests	---	---	42	26	- 38%
Arrests Warrants Filed with SAO	184	207	124	104	- 16%
Property/Evidence Submissions	---	4,919	4,317	5,383	25%
Property Value Recovered	---	\$401,846	\$145,763	\$344,013	136%
Inactive Cases	---	468	493	561	5%
Hate Crime	---	---	0	1	

# Support Services Division

The mission of the Support Services Division is performing support activities for Patrol and the Criminal Investigations Divisions as well as fulfilling other community needs. The division consists of the Community Services Section, Communications, Records, and Code Enforcement.

## Community Services

The Community Services Section conducted over eighty presentations to local churches, civic groups, and community action groups within the Leesburg area for 2012. The presentations included crime prevention, personal safety, neighborhood watch, drug education, child safety, and school safety.



The section continues to work with the established neighborhood watch groups within our community. By networking with a variety of community groups, the unit has helped keep the public informed about topics of interest such as current city events, crime trends, home and personal safety, plus information about internet fraud/scams. The sergeant is also responsible for setting up and maintaining neighborhood watch groups in our communities.

***Building a Stronger Community***



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, SERVICES, AND EVENTS

- Alzheimer's Dementia Registry
- Black Heritage Festival
- Bank Robbery Prevention Classes
- Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival
- Chamber of Commerce Xmas Event
- Career Day
- Christmas Bicycle Give-away
- Crime Prevention Presentations
- Citizen Fingerprinting
- Cub Scout Safety Lectures & Tours
- Drug & Gang Education for Parents
- If I were a Thief
- Internet Safety Education for Teens
- Junior Achievement
- Junior Athletic Games
- Kritters for Kids
- Leadership of Lake Co. Media Day
- Martin L. King Celebration
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Safety Expo
- Senior Expo
- Elderly Fraud Prevention Education

## Active Groups

**Carver Heights**

**Legacy**

**Arlington Ridge**

**Lake Griffin M.H.P.**

**Royal Oak Estates**

**Coachwood Colony**

**Leesburg Landing M.H.P**

*The Bicycle Rodeo gives children an opportunity to learn bicycle safety.*



### **Junior Athletic Games**



The Community Services Section held its annual Junior Athletic Games (JAG) in April of 2012 at the Leesburg High School football field. This unique program gave area elementary students



### **Place Winners**

**First Place:** Leesburg Elementary School  
**Second Place:** Fruitland Park Elementary School  
**Third Place:** Treadway Elementary School

an opportunity to compete in seven different events. The students participated in the following events: football throw, soccer ball kick, 50 yard dash, 400 yard relay, softball throw, long jump, and 100 yard dash.

The event reinforced principles of good sportsmanship and gave participants an opportunity to apply them in friendly competition. Students placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> received medals for their accomplishments with the remaining receiving a letter of participation in recognition of their effort. The department also gave each competitor a t-shirt to commemorate their involvement in the event. The event also included a traveling trophy for the overall first place school winner.

We were very happy to be joined at the 2012 JAG event by Treadway Elementary School and hope the school will be a competitor for many years to come. We are also considering a few changes for next year and requesting input from the public concerning the following enhancements: (1) 100 yard Dash for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders only; (2) separate gender 100 yard dash events for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; and (3) invite Lady Lake Elementary to join us for JAG in 2013. Many have come to view this event as an important part of helping to mold strong bodies and minds.

### **Bicycle Give-away/ Food Drive**



Thanks to the generosity of donors in the Leesburg community, the Leesburg Police Department was able to continue the Christmas Bicycle Give-away program in 2012. Charitable giving enabled the department to purchase and give away approximately 60 new bicycles to some of the area's most needy children and families. No tax payer money goes to support the program. The twenty-one year old program has provided hundreds of bicycles to the underprivileged children. It has grown from when police officers repaired and gave away abandoned and unclaimed bicycles to its current state of purchasing new ones. The hard work and charity of countless officers and citizens is what makes the program successful.

We believe the most effective form of law enforcement involves is a dynamic evolution of new responsibilities, exceeding its traditional boundaries of managing only public safety issues; it also carries the responsibility and duty of being a good neighbor. This program provides another way that we give back to the community.

## Citizens on Patrol (COP)

The COP was implemented approximately four years ago and is an integral part of the Community Services Section. Members of the unit assist the department with everything from traffic control to fingerprinting children at community events. These faithful few continue to donate their personal time and service not only to the citizens of Leesburg but also to anyone who visits or may be passing through. Considering there are only a handful of volunteers within this unit, it is extremely impressive that they were able to accumulate and donate so much of their time to the community. Without the support of the COP unit, the department would not be able to maintain the current level of service which it provides. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by the division and the department alike.



## School Crossing Guards

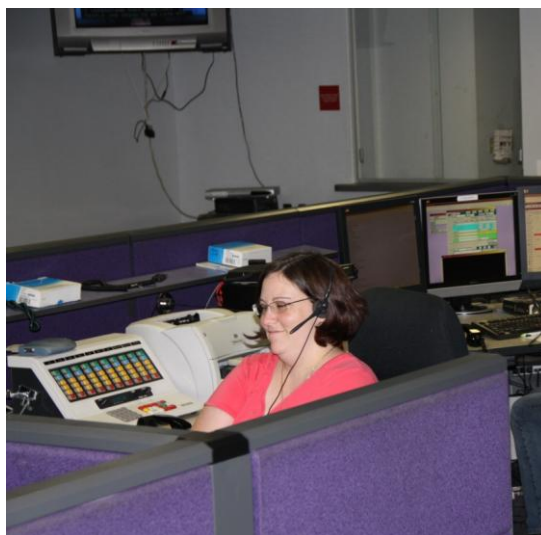


Another equally important entity within the Community Service Section is the Crossing Guard unit. They are a part-time unit tasked with the safety of Leesburg's most valuable asset, our children. Crossing guards can be seen working throughout the school year at Leesburg's busiest intersections, ensuring

the safety of the children traveling to and from their respective schools. The crossing guards take great pride in their positions and are truly dedicated to the safety of our children and the betterment of our community. *The Crossing Guard unit also suffered the loss of a long time member during 2012. Gerald Fields was well regarded within the police department, and served as a crossing guard for 11 years. He will be greatly missed by his coworkers and by the children who knew him.*

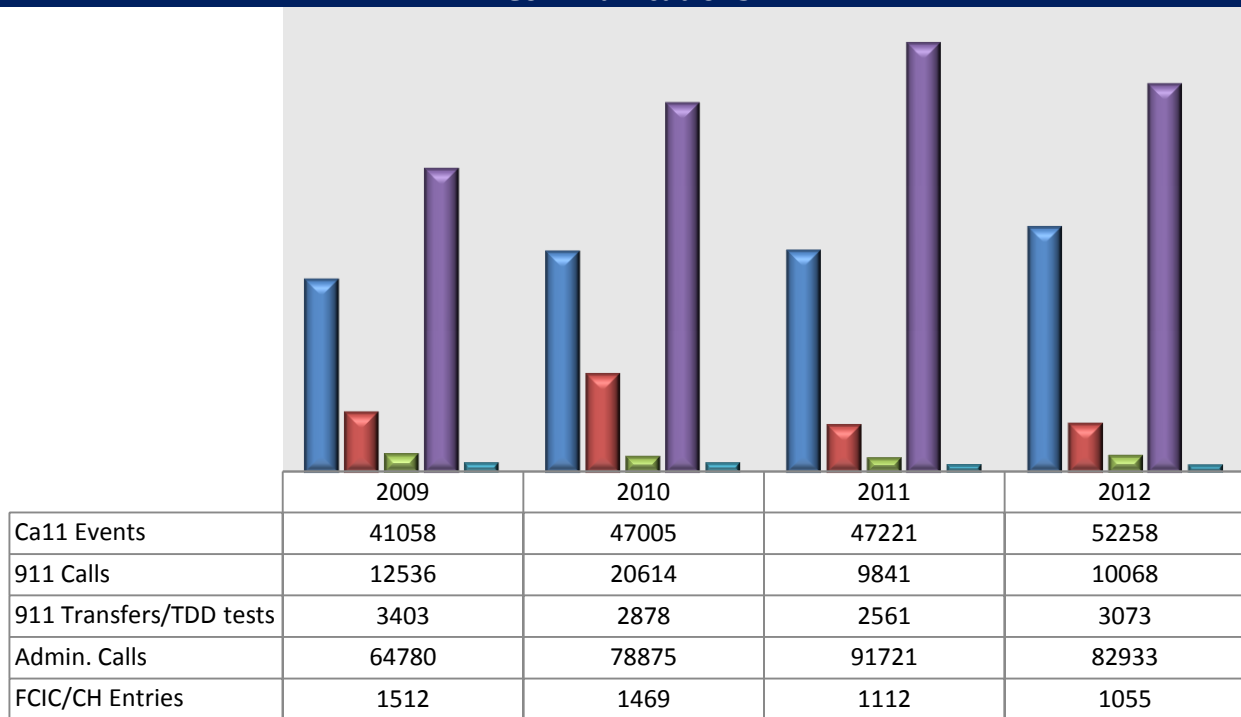
## Communications Section

The Communications Section has experienced many changes primarily dealing with technology and state communications officer certification requirements, which have all been successfully incorporated into the section; but the most compelling need is for fully qualified and capable staff to answer when the public calls. This is our first line of defense against crime and also provides for other service needs.



The section handled 96,207 telephone calls for service. These calls consisted of 911 calls, TDD test calls, and administrative calls. Additionally, the section handled 52,258 police call events, which may or may not have resulted from a telephone call but required a communications officer to dispatch a police officer. There were 1764 hours of training and instruction accomplished during 2012. The section is a very important link to maintaining the department's high quality service. This is not a comprehensive accounting of all that they do but only a snapshot into the world of communications.

### Communications



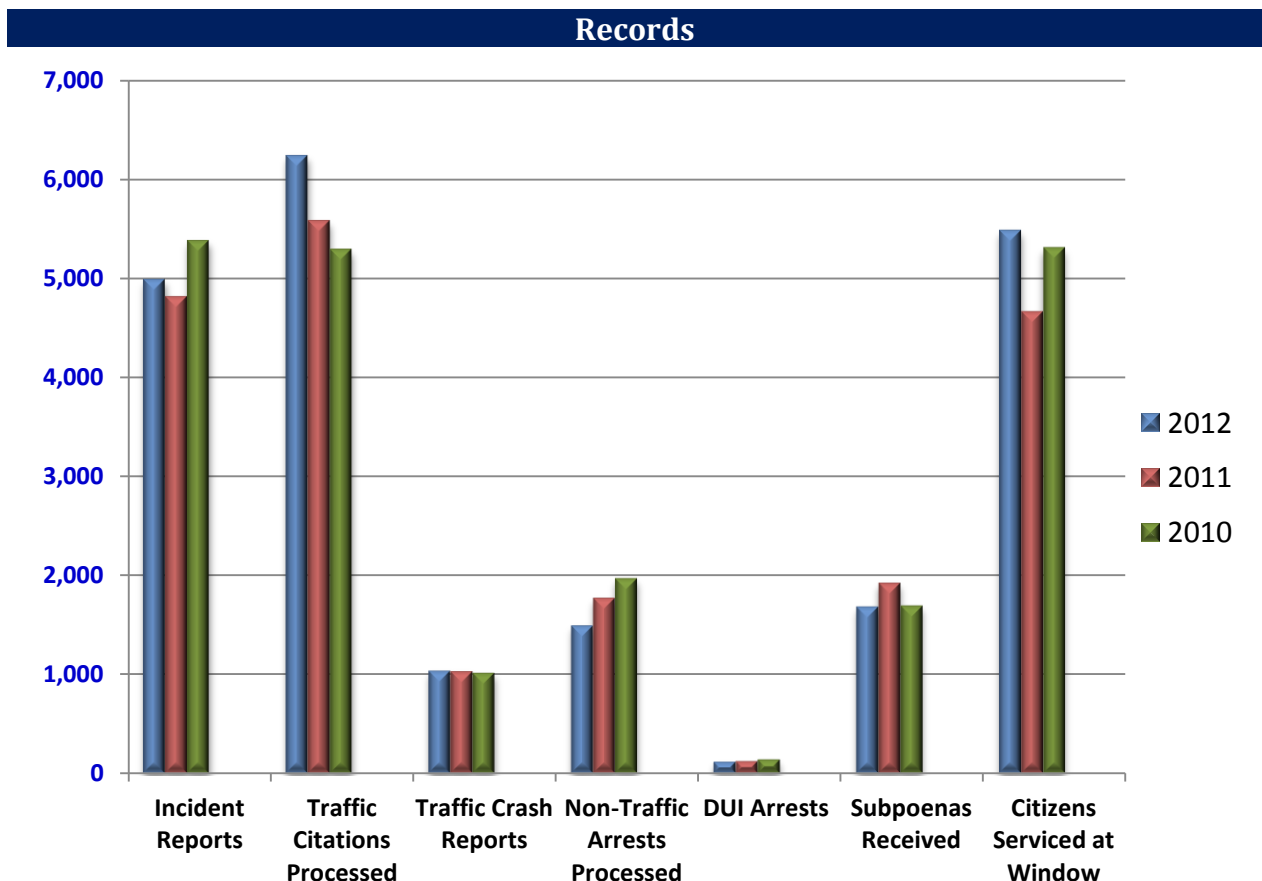
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## Records Section



The Records Section is staffed with a supervisor, two full-time clerical assistants, and one office specialist to service the public and police personnel. The staff processed 4,982 incident reports, 1033 traffic crash reports, 6233 traffic tickets, 1,491 non-traffic arrest reports, and accepted 1,681 subpoenas for court appearances. Records data indicates that 5,477 citizens came into

the lobby and were assisted by members of the section. The records section also handles citizen's requests for finger printing. Finally, staff members attended a total of 169 hours of training in 2012.



## ***Code Enforcement***

After receiving numerous complaints about these unsafe and potentially crime ridden properties, the Leesburg Police Department Code Enforcement Section was able to secure funds and have these properties demolished. Now with the assistance of the CDC and other city departments, new housing can be built for our citizens.

**816 WASHINGTON ST.  
BEFORE AND AFTER**



**1035 BAKER ST.  
BEFORE AND AFTER**

During the year, numerous complaints and questions were referred to outside agencies, requiring no further action by the department. Also, the section handled calls for information and/or suggestions regarding a variety of real estate problems.



*“Working with everyone to rid the city of blight as well as beautifying communities”*

*Mold and leaky roofs at Cypress Oaks Apartment complex on Sandy Oak Dr. Before Repairs Were Made*



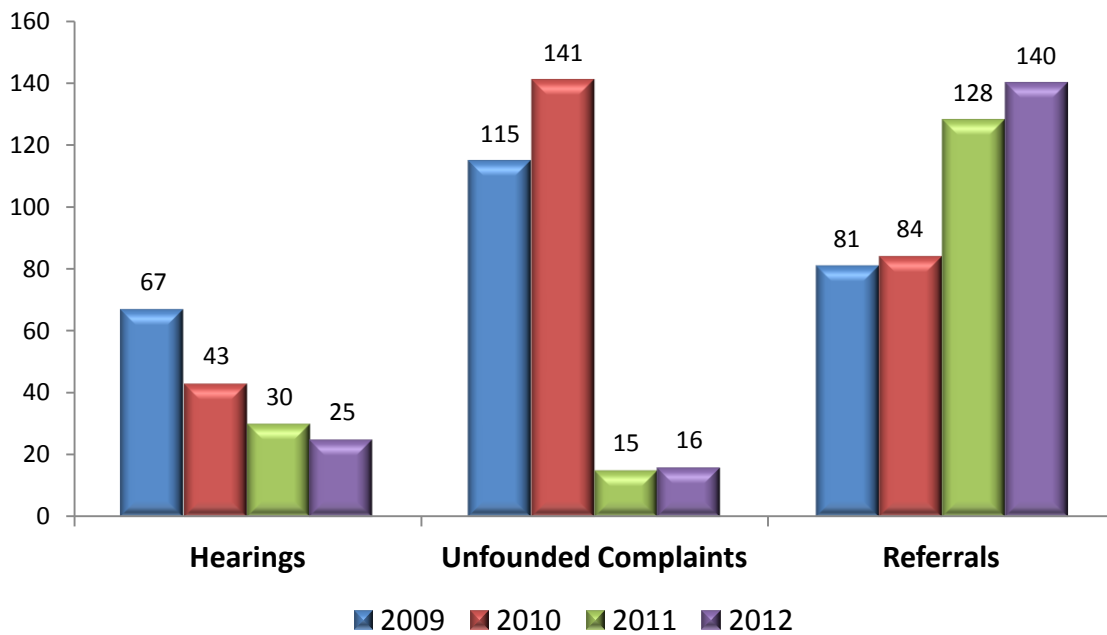
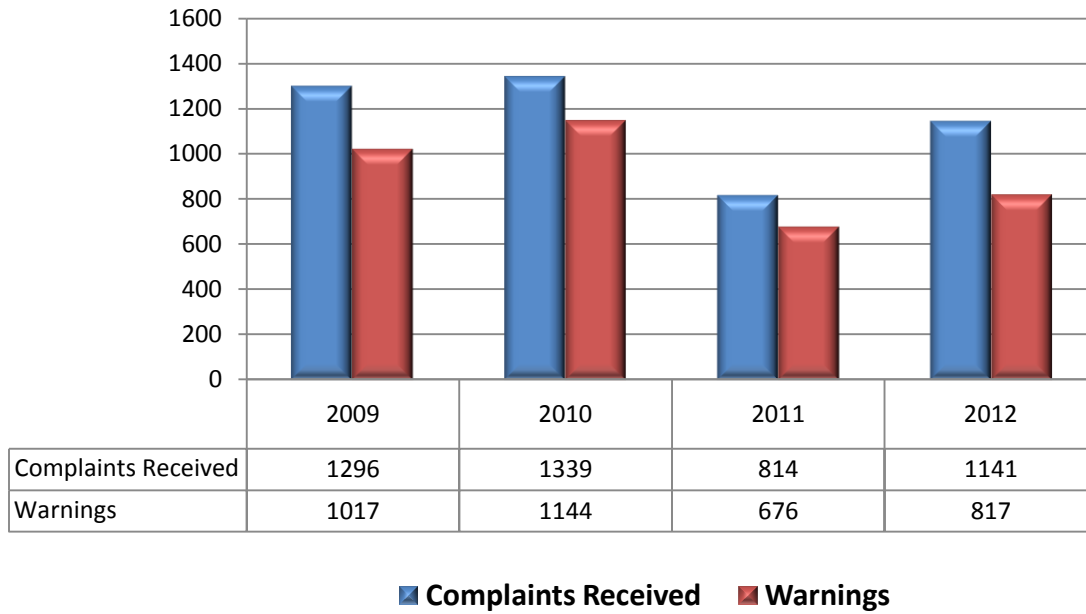
Various units were plagued with mold due to roof leaks and other sources of moisture intrusion. This caused an unsafe living condition in many of the units.

By working diligently with the property owner and other city stakeholders, the Code Enforcement Section was able to either achieve compliance or a fine accrued against the violator. The section is not viewed as a mechanism for generating revenue but as a means of beautifying properties and attracting people to visit, live, open business, and raise families in Leesburg.



*After Repairs Were Made*

## Code Enforcement



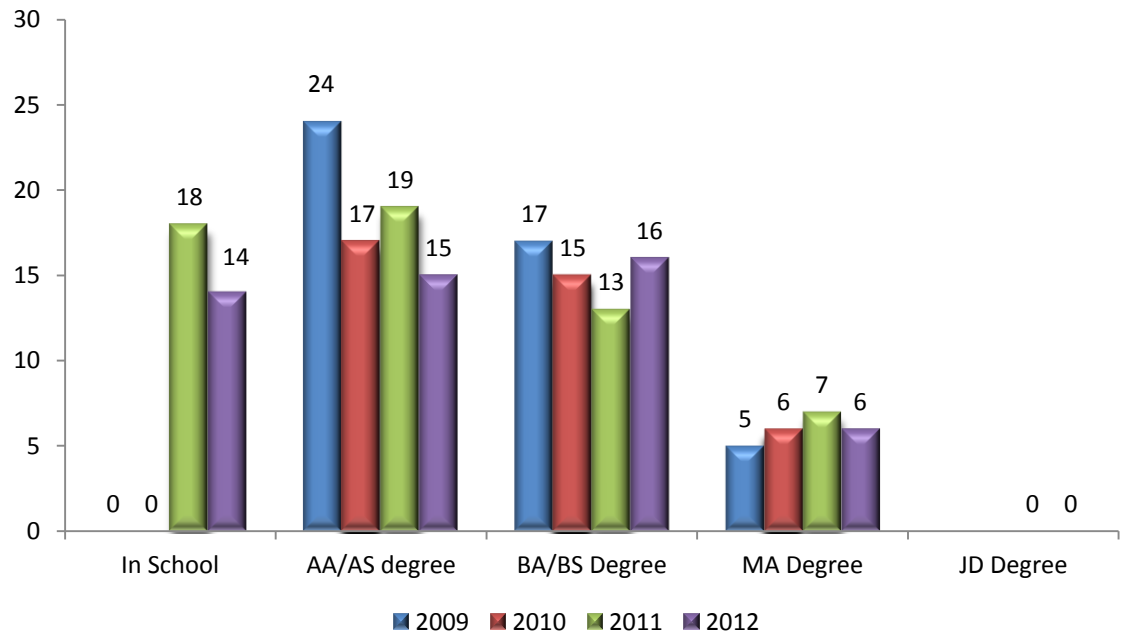
# Department Education and Training

## Education

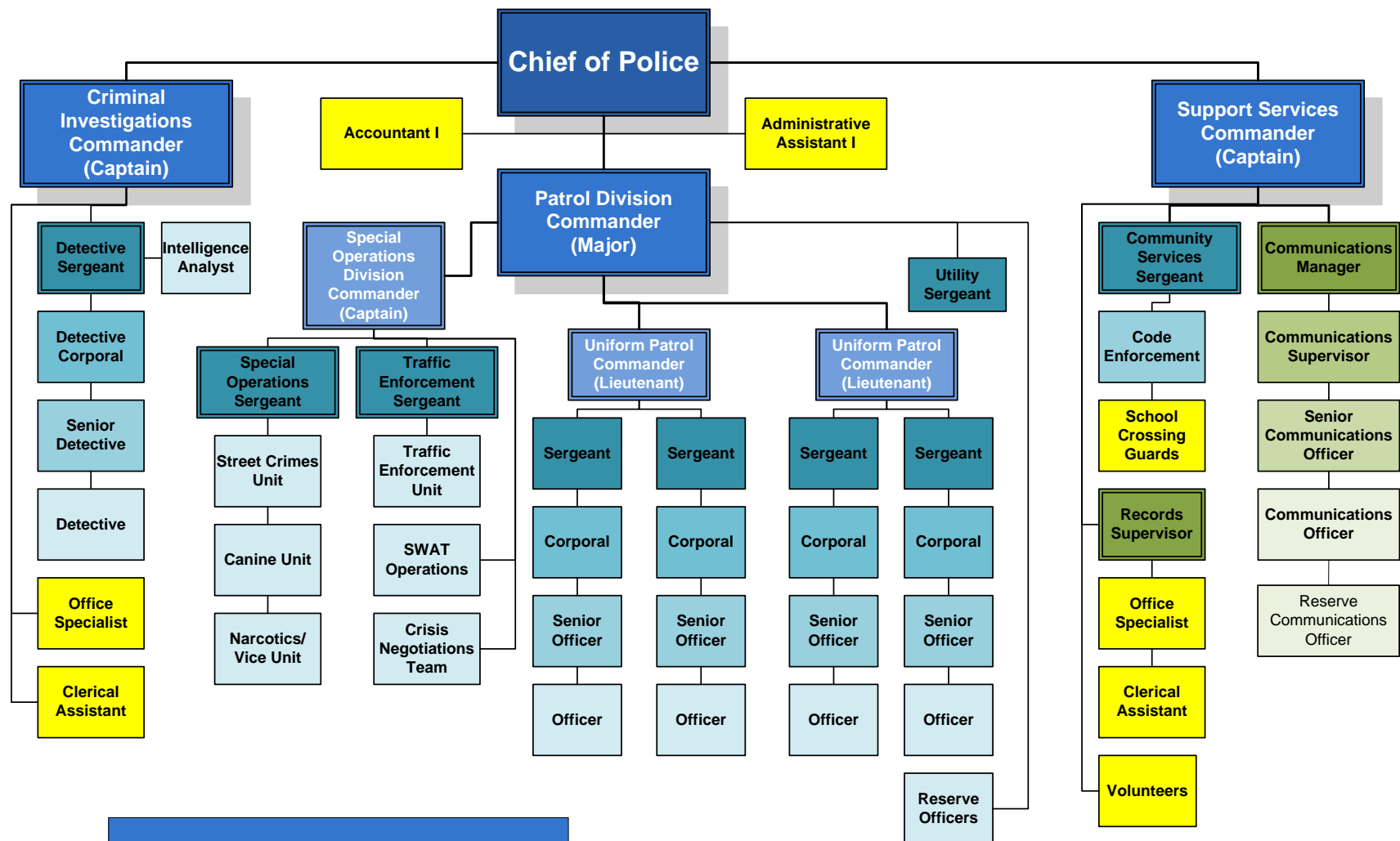
*“Education and training consistently has been a very important part of our organizational culture”*



Education and Training



*I wonder who said simunitions don't hurt.*



**Leesburg Police  
Department  
Organizational Chart  
August 2012**

# Police Code of Ethics

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department.

Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.

